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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of Claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

Claims 1-37 (Cancelled).

Claim 38 (New) A surgical towel, comprising:

a sheet of woven fabric comprising at least one stitched hem;

a thread of a different color than a color of the fabric for stitching the hem,

the thread color visually identifying the surgical towel as x-ray detectable; and

at least one piece of x-ray detectable material attached to the fabric by the thread, the x-ray detectable material protruding from the hem allowing visual identification of the x-ray detectable material's location, the x-ray detectable material comprising identifying characteristics to identify an x-rayed object as a surgical towel.

Claim 39 (New) The surgical towel of claim 38, whereby the piece of x-ray detectable material comprises Barite, Barium, or BaSO₄.

Claim 40 (New) The surgical towel of claim 38, whereby the piece of x-ray detectable further comprises polyvinyl chloride (PVC).

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Claim 41 (New) The surgical towel of claim 38, whereby the piece of x-ray detectable material comprises 60% BaSO₄ and 40% PVC.

Claim 42 (New) The surgical towel of claim 38, whereby the sheet of woven fabric comprises cotton, synthetic material or a combination of these.

Claim 43 (New) The surgical towel of claim 38, whereby the sheet of woven fabric is single-ply.

Claim 44 (New) The surgical towel of claim 38, whereby the x-ray detectable material is a flexible strip through which the hem stitching is sewn.

Claim 45 (New) A surgical towel comprising:

a sheet of single-ply woven cotton fabric having four edges;

at least one hem stitched in at least one of the four edges;

a thread of a different color than a color of the cotton fabric for stitching the at least one hem, the color of the thread visually identifying the surgical towel as x-ray detectable; and

at least one piece of x-ray detectable material attached to the fabric by the thread, the x-ray detectable material protruding from the hem allowing visual identification of the x-ray detectable material's location, the x-ray detectable material comprising identifying characteristics to identify an x-rayed object as a surgical towel.

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Claim 46 (New) The surgical towel of claim 45, whereby the piece of x-ray detectable material comprises Barite, Barium, or BaSO₄.

Claim 47 (New) The surgical towel of claim 45, whereby the piece of x-ray detectable material further comprises polyvinyl chloride (PVC).

Claim 48 (New) The surgical towel of claim 45, whereby the piece of x-ray detectable material comprises 60% BaSO₄ and 40% PVC.

Claim 49 (New) The surgical towel of claim 45, whereby the sheet of woven fabric comprises cotton, synthetic material or a combination of these.

Claim 50 (New) The surgical towel of claim 45, whereby the sheet of woven fabric is single-ply.

Claim 51 (New) The surgical towel of claim 45, whereby the x-ray detectable material is a flexible strip through which the hem stitching is sewn.

Claim 52 (New) A surgical towel comprising:

a sheet of single-ply woven cotton fabric having four edges;
at least one hem stitched in at least one of the four edges;

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a thread of a different color than a color of the cotton fabric for stitching the at least one hem, the color of the thread visually identifying the surgical towel as x-ray detectable; and

at least one piece of x-ray detectable material through which the hem stitching is sewn, the x-ray detectable material protruding from the hem but not extending past an edge of the fabric, allowing visual identification of the x-ray detectable material's location, the x-ray detectable material comprising identifying characteristics to identify an x-rayed object as a surgical towel.

Claim 53 (New) The surgical towel of claim 52, whereby the piece of x-ray detectable material comprises Barite, Barium, or BaSO₄.

Claim 54 (New) The surgical towel of claim 52, whereby the piece of x-ray detectable material further comprises polyvinyl chloride (PVC).

Claim 55 (New) The surgical towel of claim 52, whereby the piece of x-ray detectable material comprises 60% BaSO₄ and 40% PVC.

Claim 56 (New) The surgical towel of claim 52, whereby the sheet of woven fabric comprises cotton, synthetic material or a combination of these.

Claim 57 (New) The surgical towel of claim 52, whereby the sheet of woven fabric is single-ply.